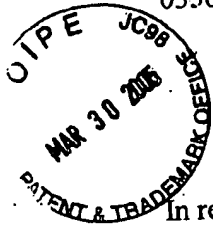


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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

In accordance with the interim rule dated February 1, 2005, of the Federal Register, Vol. 70, No. 20, entitled "Rules and Regulations," Applicants respectfully request a refund in the amount of \$100.00 of the \$500.00 search fee, which was paid February 9,

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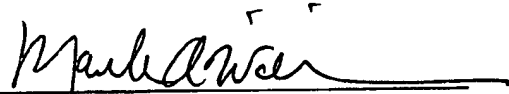
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international search report has been prepared and provided to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no later than the time the search fee is paid. Since an International Search Report was provided with the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the original application papers on February 9, 2005, the date the search fee was paid, the Search Fee due should have been \$400.00. Since Applicants paid a Search Fee of \$500.00, a refund of \$100.00 is respectfully requested to be credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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